

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 to 34 are pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 14, 32, and 34 are independent claims. Claims 5, 18, 28, and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 1 to 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. In response, certain claims have been amended, added, or canceled.

Formal drawings have also been required.

**Regarding Rejections under § 112**

Claims 5 and 18 have been amended to clarify the limitations. The use of a phosphor coating on a blue LED is known to yield white light.

Claims 28 and 34 recite the use of a transparent spacer. This feature is described on pages 13 to 14 of the specification with reference to Figs. 47-50.

Reconsideration of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is respectfully requested.

**Regarding Rejections Under § 103**

Claims 1 to 34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based primarily on U.S. Patent No. 4,514,920 to Shafrir, et al. In combination with various secondary references. In response, Claims 1, 14, and 34 have been amended and new Claims 35 to 37 have been added to the application. Claims 32-33 have been canceled without prejudice to the filing of a continuation application.

The claims now recite a single smooth (or non-jagged) edge on a display panel. No such factor is disclosed or suggested by Shafrir or the other cited references.

At best, Shafrir discusses a slot (86) for receiving and facilitating the removal of a reflecting member (66) having a silk-screened corporate logo. That slot (86) is unrelated to optical alignment of the LCD.

Reconsideration of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

Regarding Formal Drawings.

Replacement Drawings are being filed concurrently with this Amendment. Acceptance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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